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1. The Torpedo Steering Department at Gema (NTO/MSP), Berlin, has been dissolved. All the property of this department has been packed and sent to Moscow or Leningrad. The personnel of the department has been transferred to the Acoustic Devices Department under Shabanov.
2. During January 1949, thirty men were discharged from the Instrument Construction Department which has been headed by Malikov. An undetermined number of men have been dismissed from the Ship Machinery Department under Demidovich.
3. The Rosslau group, which is now called "Aussenstelle Rosslau", has joined the Ship Construction Department as an independent group and comes directly under Demidovich. Loebau, former chief of the Construction Bureau Rosslau is with the group, as well as Sollger, who was formerly with the Acoustic Devices Department of the MSP. Both of these men are considered good engineers. Of the forty-five men taken over from the Construction Bureau Rosslau, only three have been dismissed. The work of the Rosslau group consists of making minor improvements on the so-called "Tragfl chenboot". The boat itself is in Rosslau but incurred some damage which is now being repaired. This damage involved a break of the shaft. One such boat was sent to Russia with only minor repairs. The second one is now undergoing repairs and trials. Three similar boats are now undergoing trials at the test station in Mellensee. They have the designations VW 1 and VW 2, and differ in construction from other designs by having large wings swept backward. The third, designated VW 3, is driven by air screws. It is believed that these boats will provide work for more than eight weeks, i.e. through the end of March 1949.
4. The entire Ship Construction Department has been working of late on police boats, fire police boats, and on the "Sechskomponentenwaage" (six-component balance), one of which was finished and sent to Russia; the others are under construction now.
5. The status of the NTO/MSP installation is uncertain because apparently no new orders have been received yet from Russia. The major research projects being discussed in the Underwater Devices Department originate more from the ambitions of the Russian officer in charge than from the usual plans issued from Moscow.

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